

My name is Zach Zarnow, I am a voter from Middletown. Passing both S.B. 184 and H.B. 5262 (Continuing Absentee Voting in 2022 due to COVID19) is extremely important to me because it ensures everyone has the ability to vote safely. I have lived in several other states before moving to Connecticut, and in many of them there is a long history of absentee voting. For example, I spent nearly half my life in California, where I utilized no-excuse needed absentee voting. It is secure and convenient and has been in practice for decades with no issues.

I believe voters should be able to vote this year by absentee ballot as COVID19 persists. Please continue the COVID19 safety measures of 2020 and 2021 for 2022 and allow for everyone who fears exposure to COVID19 to vote by absentee ballot.

More than 650,000 Connecticut voters voted by absentee ballot in the 2020 CT General Election—which means they voted early on their own schedules. This led to record breaking 80% voter turnout. Listen to the voters, the choice is clear. Please protect the freedom to vote and pass S.B. 184 and H.B. 5262. Thank you.

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